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SRA Nursing Caucus 17-18

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
 FROM: Sharon Nwamadi, SRA Nursing
 SUBJECT: SRA 17Q Report
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YEAR PLAN

<i>Platform Point</i>	<i>Summary</i>	<i>Status Update (In Progress, Completed, On Hold etc.)</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Demystify the workings of the SRA/MSU to the nursing student body	<p>Purpose: The purpose of this platform point was to advertise MSU services and clubs on a frequent basis to nursing students.</p> <p>Execution:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presented an Introduction to the SRA/MSU in a powerpoint format during welcome week. 2. Hosted an MSU elections introduction which was completed in collaboration with SRA Health Science. 3. SRA Nursing was featured here: http://nursing.mcmaster.ca/news-events/news/news-item/201 	Completed	<p>Turn out and engagement was low for this project. For the future I would suggest earlier advertising to be done. The powerpoint presentation should be circulated through <i>avenuetolearn</i> to have a larger reach to the student body.</p>

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Improving collaboration with the McMaster University Nursing Student Society (MUNSS).	<p>Purpose: To create a stronger bond between MUNSS and the SRA to ensure that communication is streamlined through all three sites and streams within the nursing program.</p> <p>Execution:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attending MUNSS meetings as frequently as possible. 2. Working with the Education Chairpersons to run a Nursing Career Panel. 3. Working with the RNAO Representative on MUNSS to run a resume building workshop. 	Completed	I would say the Nursing Career Panel was the most successful event run this year. With a total of 93 attendees and 15 presenters including some Nursing faculty and additional support from the Student Success Centre this event was engaging and received a large amount of positive feedback. The resume building workshop however, was advertised late and did not receive as much attention. It was broadcasted over Facebook stories to increase engagement. The use of Facebook stories also received positive feedback from individuals who couldn't make it to the event.
Building on the foundation of the 2016-2017 SRA Nursing Caucus.	<p>Purpose: To continue the Nurses of McMaster(NoM) initiative to create a familial bond within the nursing program, and to host a career panel.</p> <p>Execution</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nursing Career Panel 2. Nurses of McMaster was launched through a google sheet. It was extended to Friday Faculty features as well. 	Completed	The NoM initiative reached a height of popularity late in the first semester and died down during the start of the second semester. As such, more advertising should be done to promote the initiative to both faculty and students. Ensure that interested parties are contacted and are aware of their emails regarding NoM.

<p>Working to improve the Constituent Outreach Operating Policy to the benefit of nurses.</p>	<p>Purpose: To increase SRA Nursing's presence both through social media, and in-person contact to hear the concerns of nursing students.</p> <p>Execution</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Online outreach through Facebook was done, Twitter was used on rare occasions. 2. Office hours were done on a weekly basis, however student interest was very low with visits only occurring twice. 3. A walkthrough video for Health Science Lounge and the Nursing Lounge was not pursued - rather Facebook stories were used to direct students on the day of an event. 4. The creation of a google sheet with suggestions was not done. However, during welcome week a physical suggestion sheet was presented. It was not utilized due to the fact that first years had little idea on what they would like improved given the lack of immersion into the program. 5. Increasing Facebook likes by more than 	<p>To be continued</p>	<p>For next year, Twitter should be looked at as another route for outreach including tweeting live updates from meetings. A strategic approach should be used through advertising and following students on the SRA Nursing Twitter account. Office hours may need to be restructured around class times, and student convenience - incentives should be used to garner more student attention. A lasting walkthrough video should be created and a lounge warming event could be pursued. A suggestion google sheet should be pursued and circulated to students before the end of the prior school year, or targeted to students entering 2nd-4th years early in the school year.</p>
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	10% was completed.		
Advocating for transparency and change within the School of Nursing.	Purpose: To advocate for the reformation of the tutor evaluation structure within the nursing program, and to advocate for transparency in its use, along with advocating for the opening of Health Science electives to nursing students.	Not Done	Issues: Unfortunately i did not prioritize this platform point early in the year, and then students were hit with the strike which distracted from it's potential. Collaboration should be done early to create a step-wise plan if this platform point were to be pursued in the future. Future Campus Partners 1. MUNSS President 2. Faculty 3. Health Science Caucus and Society

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Term 1:

- MSU/SRA Introduction powerpoint
- Relaunch of Nurses of McMaster
- Creating Faculty relations
- Improving collaboration with MUNSS
- SRA Feature in McMaster nursing news
- Increasing facebook likes by 10%

Term 2:

- MSU Elections introduction with SRA Health Science
- Nursing Career Panel with MUNSS Education Chairpersons
- Resume Building Workshop with MUNSS RNAO Representatives and RNAO Hamilton Chapter

SUCSESSES

Most Successful:

- Nursing Career Panel
- Resume Building Workshop
- Nurses of McMaster

Least Successful:

- Elections introduction
- MSU/SRA introduction

Not Done:

- Advocacy regarding tutor evaluations
- Opening health science electives to nursing students
- Lounge access video

IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

There needs to be a stronger emphasis on advocacy and outreach for future SRA Nursing representatives. Faculty relations must be built early on, and collaboration with MUNSS should be established from the first semester. Overall, this year was successful besides some shortcomings.

Best wishes for the future,

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